

criticizing the President, 21 days into the new fiscal year, I cannot find the Republicans' secret budget plan.

Maybe there is a reason for that. Maybe it is because the CBO says their individual proposals would spend billions of dollars of Social Security money, at the very time they are running ads against Democrats saying we are spending Social Security money.

I would suggest for the Republicans to pretend like their proposals are protecting Social Security, is kind of like Al Capone claiming to be a crime fighter.

Day 21. It is time for the Republicans to show the country and the Congress their secret Republican budget plan.

COSPONSOR THE DEFENSE OF PRIVACY ACT

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, over the last several years, we have witnessed a drastic increase in the number of Federal Government proposals which erode personal privacy rights and other important civil liberties. These misguided proposals, such as the Federal banking regulators' so-called "Know Your Customer" scheme, clearly demonstrate that the Federal agencies continue to promulgate rules and dictate policy without consideration for the ultimate ramifications on the privacy of American families.

To prevent such assaults in the future, I am introducing the Defense of Privacy Act. My legislation will require all Federal agencies to assess the privacy implications of proposed rules and regulations.

Mr. Speaker, this commonsense reform will help agencies focus on important privacy issues while strengthening the privacy rights of every American. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation. Let us do all we can to keep Big Brother at bay.

SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle leave everything until the last minute. Sometimes I wonder if this Congress could not mess up a one-car funeral.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, they are dipping into the Social Security budget to the tune of \$13 billion while spending thousands of dollars on false and misleading ads. Before the appropriations bills are finished, that \$13 billion cut into Social Security could rise to \$24 billion.

Social Security is one of the most successful domestic programs ever created. It guarantees a retirement security for millions of Americans. It is our

responsibility to take the necessary steps to keep Social Security safe and strong, not only for our parents' generation, and not only for our generation, but also for our children's generation.

Where is their plan to extend the life of Social Security? It does not exist. In fact, the leaders in the Republican conference have been quoted many times against Social Security and Medicare, like this one from my colleague from Texas that says, "No, I'm not going to make such a pledge, not to get into Social Security."

In fact, the Republican tax plan would have sucked the surplus dry, leaving nothing for strengthening the Social Security Trust Fund, extending Medicare, or even a prescription medication provision.

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QUIT PLAYING GAMES WITH SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, my friends on the left offer so many inaccuracies and there is so little time to respond.

I would agree with one statement from the gentlewoman from Michigan, Mr. Speaker, when she said, do not be fooled. I join her in that sentiment to this degree: Do not be fooled, Mr. Speaker, do not be fooled by the claims now of fealty to Social Security when on this floor just a few nights ago my friends on the left voted against a foreign aid bill, voted to say we ought to send \$4 billion more of the Social Security Trust Fund not to save Americans, not to help Americans, but to go to foreign governments.

That is wrong. That is a raid on the trust fund. If in fact they are guardians of Social Security, they should join with us to save 100 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund for Social Security.

We did it this fiscal year for the first time since 1960. Join with us. Quit playing games.

REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY DIPPED INTO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, "do not be fooled?" Well, it is near trick or treat time, and what is the trick that the Republican majority is concerned about? Well, here is the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader for the Republicans, saying it is Social Security that is a "bad retirement," a "rotten trick" on the American people.

As my colleague from Texas was just pointing out (Mr. GREEN), these views

are ones that Mr. ARMEY keeps repeating. Questioned just a few years ago he was asked, "Are you going to take the pledge? Are you going to promise not to cut people's Social Security to meet these promises?" The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY): "No, I am not going to make such a promise."

Our Republican colleagues are the good folks who now come and tell us they want to preserve the Social Security Trust Fund. They did not vote for Social Security. They do not like Social Security. They want to substitute some privatized Social Security Wall Street private plan for the Social Security that has been so important to the American people over the last 60 years.

Let us protect Social Security, let us recognize the Republicans have already dipped into the Social Security trust fund, and let us preserve Social Security for the future.

TIME TO SLAM DOOR ON PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR MORE TAXES AND RAIDING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has opened the door to one of massive tax increases on working Americans and raiding Social Security to finance Washington's spending.

Revenues are flooding into the Treasury at record levels, but the President says that is not enough. As the percentage of GDP or income or however we want to look at it, taxes are at an all-time high. But the President says they have to be higher.

We squandered billions in Russia. We have got hundreds of wasteful or questionable programs, paid billions each year to so-called consultants. And still the President says we need more money because he just cannot find anything in the budget he wants to cut. He would rather raise taxes or dip into the Social Security surplus.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want to tell the President no, they do not want the President's higher taxes. This body does not want his higher taxes. Remember the vote, 419-0. They do not want him to take a step backward and raid Social Security. They do not want more spending and bigger Government.

It is time to slam a door on the President's plans for more taxes and raiding Social Security.

PRIVACY

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, there is a terrible travesty about to be visited upon the American people. A deal between the Republican leadership and the White House has been perpetrated.

It will lead to the compromise of every single American's privacy.

Every check they have ever written, every insurance exam for their family, their medical records, the checks they have written out for the last 20 or 30 years, they can all be now sold to anyone who wants to buy them, every secret in their family. This is a deal that the Republican leadership and the White House have signed off on.

If they have their income tax form done for them by H&R Block, there is a law that says they cannot reveal it. But if they use their income tax form to apply for a mortgage, under this new law, they can sell their income tax form. They can give out that information to anyone.

But if they want to complain to Prudential or to Bank One, do not try to call the CEO. He has got an unlisted number at home. He is concerned about his privacy. He does not want them to bother him.

But they do not give a hoot about the ordinary American's privacy.

PRESIDENT IS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, now even President Clinton is for a Social Security lockbox.

Just yesterday, the President said, "At a minimum, we should agree on a down payment on reform by passing a Social Security lockbox."

One hundred, fourteen days ago, House Republicans and Democrats passed my legislation, the Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act 416-12. The House of Representatives is committed to not spending one dime of Social Security Trust Fund on unrelated programs, and now the President is on board there, as well.

Mr. Speaker, Senate Republicans have tried seven times to consider the Social Security lockbox, only to be blocked by Senate Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, it appears Senate Democrats are now the only obstacle to achieving a lockbox to protect Social Security surpluses.

SENATE DEMOCRATS ARE SAVING REPUBLICANS

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the Senate Democrats are saving the Republicans. Because if the lockbox that the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) talks about was enforced today, they would be under arrest for picking the lock and stealing the Social Security money out of it because they have already spent \$13 billion of Social Security money, and they keep saying they have a lockbox.

That is no lockbox. This is an open and revolving door. They have dipped into Social Security time and again in their appropriations bills.

The Congressional Budget Office tells us that already on the running account they have stolen \$13 billion of people's Social Security money, and in all likelihood it will be as high as \$25 billion in people's Social Security money.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans should remember that, under the Constitution, only they can spend the people's money. They have authorized, they have appropriated the expenditure of \$13 billion, \$13 billion of the people's Social Security money that they say is in the lockbox.

It is not in the lockbox. It is in the appropriations bills that they have been voting on day after day that exceed the request of the President of the United States. They are lucky that the police are not here arresting them today.

PRESIDENT NEEDS TO SHOW US HIS SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

(Mr. OSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, did my colleagues know that Americans today are living longer and having fewer children? This means, in the end, fewer workers in the future to support each Social Security beneficiary.

In 1960, there were 5.1 workers for every person on Social Security. Today that number stands at 3.4, and on our current pace, by the year 2030, that ratio will be down to 2.1. Let me repeat that. There will be two people supporting each Social Security beneficiary.

Mr. Speaker, we need to reform our current Social Security system, and we need to reform it as soon as possible. It has now been 294 days and counting since the President promised to provide reforms to the Social Security plan. He has not delivered.

As my good friends on the other side know, we cannot make up in volume what we lack in a plan.

There is no plan. The President has not given us his machine. Mr. Speaker, I am asking the President, finally, show us your plan.

REPUBLICANS HAVE HANDS IN THE COOKIE JAR

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership reminds me of the little boy who denies eating cookies even though his mouth is smeared with chocolate and his shirt is covered with crumbs.

According to their own accounting office, the Congressional Budget Office, the Republican leadership's budget al-

ready spends \$13 billion of the Social Security Trust Fund.

All of the sound and fury from the other side does not match the reality. Their hands are in the cookie jar and the Republican leadership is spending the Social Security surplus.

The Republican leadership has a long history of trying to undermine Social Security. The majority leader has called Social Security a "rotten trick" and said it should be "phased out."

This is the same party who, 60 years ago, fought fiercely to stop the creation of Social Security. They are still fighting now to spend the surplus and to see, in the long run, that it is phased out.

SOCIAL SECURITY: PEOPLE'S RETIREMENT FUND NOT PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SLUSH FUND

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, newspapers reported several days ago that the President has taken a new hard line with Republicans in Congress, saying that he will refuse to sign other spending measures until they address his priorities and "assure the Social Security surplus is being protected."

Being protected? Recently the President vetoed the foreign aid bill and has threatened to veto others because they do not spend more. But more of what?

Since the President has refused to accept our reasonable spending measures, he has only who choices left, either raise taxes or raid the Social Security Trust Fund, neither of which Congress will support, nor will I.

If President Clinton was sincere about protecting Social Security, he would sign into law the reasonable spending measures we have passed in Congress and sent to him.

Mr. Speaker, Social Security is the people's retirement fund, not the President's personal slush fund. Stop the raid on Social Security.

REPUBLICANS ONLY NEED TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR FOR WHO IS SPENDING SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS

(Ms. RIVERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, let us think about what we have been hearing this morning about attempts to spend Social Security.

First my colleagues on the other side say the President is trying to do it. But, of course, the facts are he cannot appropriate a dime, he does not have the ability. Only Congress, in fact, only the majority can do that.

Well, then they say it is the Democrats in Congress who are trying to spend the Social Security surplus.